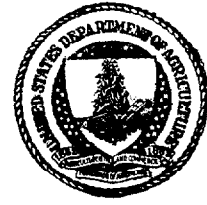




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**POSSESSION OF WILD DUCKS AND GEESE ILLEGAL**  
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It is a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Regulations to possess migratory game birds in Minnesota after January 10 and prior to the opening date of the hunting season next fall, according to the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture in a warning issued to sportsmen and cold storage plants. All migratory game birds in storage in Minnesota at this time are subject to seizure by Federal game wardens and the possessor subject to prosecution, irrespective of the fact that under authority of State law permission has been granted to possess such birds for a longer period.

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